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CIA TO SEEK OUT STRATEGIC BALANCE CONSULTANTS

CIA director Stansfield Turner says he is planning to create a group of consultants to work with the agency on assessments of force estimates such as the strategic balance between the Soviet Union and the United States. "

He said the CIA would look at a particular estimate and the agency will call from the group of consultants "the right mix of people to join in the estimate. "

Turner said the use of the consultants would not be on a full-time basis, but rather would be used at the beginning of an exercise, following it through and critiquing as the CIA proceeded.

He said he did not think an "ideologically structured" Team A-Team B approach is a good idea. "I would not reject it entirely, but I think it is something upon which I would look with suspicion. " The reference was to the controversy that developed over the "Team B" review of last year's National Intelligence Estimates of Soviet strategic capabilities.

Turner denied the assertion that, because of the Team B assessment, the "so-called hard liners won the day and forced the CIA to re-evaluate its opinions about Soviet military strength. "